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**Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs Dina H. Powell  
To visit Paris as part of the International Fulbright New Century Scholars  
Meeting at UNESCO in Paris, France**

**On Tuesday, October 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the United Nations Educational, Scientific, Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, the Fulbright New Century Scholars will present their recommendations on improving higher education systems worldwide.** The Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Dina H. Powell; U.S. Ambassador to UNESCO, Louise V. Oliver; Director-General of UNESCO, Koichiro Matsuura; and U.S. Ambassador to France, Craig R. Stapleton will give opening remarks.

Thirty-one Fulbright New Century Scholars, who are leading research scholars and professionals from 22 countries, including the United States, have collaborated for the past year to create a framework for action to improve higher education systems worldwide. The international team has been examining the topic *Higher Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Global Challenge and National Response*. The Fulbright New Century Scholars Program seeks to create synergy by bringing together scholars and professionals from different spheres to focus on an issue of concern to people worldwide. The program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State.

The symposium is hosted by the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Permanent Mission of the United States to UNESCO, the Embassy of the United States in France, and UNESCO.

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